210. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is true that the Government has declined to do anything to help the *Kole* ryots who have suffered losses ? If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government state its reasons ? If the answer is in the negative, will the Government kindly state what help it proposes to give ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926, P. No. 598/1101, published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101, page 690, Part I.

211. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

1. (a) the extent of the loss of *Kole* cultivation owing to the shortage of water;

(b) what action the Government have taken to alleviate the suffering of the cultivators;

(c) what relief the Government proposes to give;

(d) whether any Report was received on the situation from the Revenue Department;

(i) if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table;

(ii) if not, will the Government be pleased to call for a Report and place it on the table?

2. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Report was submitted to the Diwan by a committee appointed by the public;

(b) whether a deputation was received by the Diwan regarding the Report;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the reply given to the deputation?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—1. (a) The loss cannot be correctly estimated.

(b) and (c). The remedial measures that the Government have resolved to adopt are indicated in the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926, P. 598/1101, Revenue Department, and published at page 690, Part I of Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101.

(d) Yes.

(i) and (ii). The Report being confidential cannot be made public.

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2. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Member is referred to the Diwan s Proceedings mentioned in the answer to 1 (b) and (c) above.

The assignment of excluded area from the Forest.

212. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the petition presented by P. S. Krishna Ayyar, the contractor referred to in question No. 396 of the last session of the Council, for the assignment of excluded area from the Forest;

(b) was any land assigned to him ;

(c) were offers of assignment made to neighbouring landowners, and if so, what was their reply?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) A copy of the petition is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) No.

(c) The land has not been redemarcated yet. After redemarcation, the plots required by the *pattadar* of the adjacent lands as margins for their cultivated lands will be sold in public auction and assigned in the names of the highest bidders according to the provisions of *the Land Revenue Manual.*

The assignment of Sirkar lands.

213. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of persons who were granted assignments of Sirkar lands in the State of more than 10 acres, including *porambokes* unassigned areas, disafforested areas, etc., during the last 12 years, the total area assigned to each of them, the Survey number and village of the property, and the specific purpose, if any, for which the assignment was made, in each case and whether the specific purpose has been subsequently carried out by the respective assignees ;

(b) whether applications were invited by notification or otherwise for assignment in each case ; if so, who were all the applicants in each case, and what were the particular reasons, if any, for preferring the assignee in each case ;

(c) what was the amount realised in each case under (1) timber value or (2) land value or (3) building value ; inthe case of timber value, what was the quantity of timber on each area before assignment;

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